Constituent-quarks as the fundamental elements of the initial state at RHIC and LHC

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The massive constituent-quarks, which form mesons and nucleons (e.g. a proton=uud), are relevant for static properties and soft physics with $p_T < 2 \text{ GeV/c}$. They are complex objects or quasiparticles made of the massless partons (valence quarks, gluons and sea quarks) of DIS such that the valence quarks acquire masses $\approx 1/3$ the nucleon mass with radii ≈ 0.3 fm when bound in the nucleon. With smaller resolution one can see inside the bag to resolve the massless partons which can scatter at large angles according to QCD. At RHIC, hard-scattering is distinguishable from soft (exponential) particle production only for $p_T \ge 2 \text{ GeV/c}$ at mid-rapidity, where $Q^2 = 2p^2_T = 8 (GeV/c)^2$ which corresponds to a distance scale (resolution) < 0.07 fm.

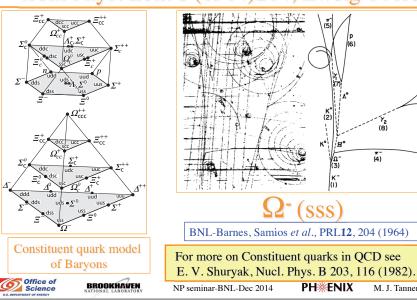






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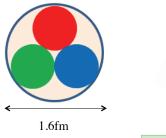
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Constituent Quarks cf. Partons

Constituent quarks are Gell-Mann's quarks from Phys. Lett. 8 (1964)214, proton=uud [Zweig's Aces]. These are relevant for static properties and soft physics, low Q²<2 GeV²; resolution> 0.14fm

For hard-scattering, $p_T > 2$ GeV/c, $Q^2=2p_T^2>8 GeV^2$, the partons (~massless current quarks, gluons and sea quarks) become visible



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Resolution ~0.5fm





Resolution < 0.07fm

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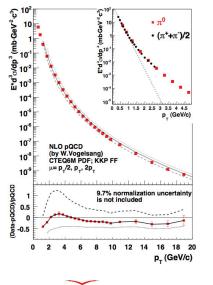
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π^{0} 's in p+p \sqrt{s} =200 GeV: Data vs. pQCD

- •All hadron spectra are exponential for p_T<2 GeV/c in both p-p and A+A collisons. Exponential does not mean thermal unless you think pp is thermal.
- Result from run2-a classic PRL91 (2003) 241803. Better result shown is PRD76 (2007) 051006(R)

NLO-pQCD describes data down even to $p_T \sim 1.5 \text{ GeV/}c$

Inclusive invariant π^0 spectrum is a pure power law for $p_T \ge 3 \text{ GeV/c}$, $n=8.1\pm0.1$, indicating hard scattering which is visible by the break from an exponential ~3 orders of magnitude down in cross section. Hard scattering more prominent in single particle p_T spectrum than E_T distribution







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Snowmass 1982, ICHEP 1982, QM1983

- A Fermilab experiment using 2 back-to-back 1-2 steradian HCAL claimed to have discovered jets in PRL 38 (1977) 1447, which was clearly refuted at ICHEP 1980 by CERN experiment UA5
- •At Snowmass 1982 to determine the future of HEP in the U.S. nobody believes in jets in hadron collisions. Bob Wilson proposes "Desertron" to replace ISABELLE (800 GeV) since FNAL finally gets magnets working to build Tevatron collider.
- at ICHEP 1982, UA1 explains why E_T distributions are soft, UA2 shows the first believable jet 5-6 orders of magnitude down in an E_T distribution.
- January 1983, Rubbia announces W discovery [at APS meeting in New York. MJT drives Carlo to BNL for seminar]. June 11, 1983, DOE terminates ISABELLE and on the same day NSAC votes to build RHI collider in ISABELLE tunnel.
- Quark Matter 1983 moved to BNL(Sept 26-30) by effort of Nick Samios and T. D. Lee. Because the ISR had run α - α and p+ α collisions in the ISR in 1980 thanks to Martin Faessler, with exciting results, MJT who had worked for years at the ISR happened to have the only relevant measurement from BNL, from a second run in August 1983, presented by Sanki Tanaka (now deceased).





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E_T distributions

• E_T is an event-by-event variable defined as:

η= pseudorapidity

$$E_T = \sum_i E_i \sin \theta_i$$
 and $dE_T(\eta) / d\eta = \sin \theta(\eta) dE(\eta) / d\eta$

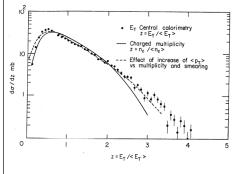
- The sum is over all particles emitted on an event into a fixed but large solid angle (which is different in every experiment)
- Measured in hadronic and electromagnetic calorimeters and even as the sum of charged particles $\Sigma_i / p_{Ti} /$
- Introduced by High Energy Physicists as an "improved" method to detect and study the Jets of hard-scattering. It didn't work as expected, E_T distributions are dominated by soft particles near $\langle p_T \rangle$.
- The importance of E_T distributions in relativistic heavy ion (RHI) collisions is that they are largely dominated by the *nuclear geometry* of the reaction and so provide a measure of the overall character or centrality of individual RHI interactions.

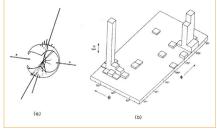






ICHEP 1982 contradictions (?)

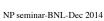




UA1-N_{ch} and E_T follow same KNO scaling

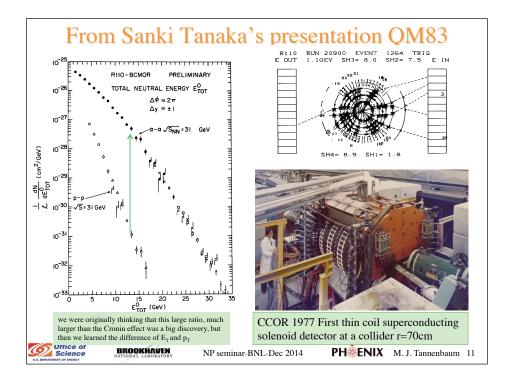
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UA2-first dijet in hadron collisions $E_T=127 \text{ GeV}$





Jets are a $<<10^{-3}$ effect in p-p E_T distributions 10-27 UA2 √s = 62.3 GeV √s=540 GeV 10-29 10-30 (nb GeV⁻¹) 10-35 E위 (GeV) UA2 PLB138(1984)430 (from DiLella) COR PLB**126**(1983)132 E_T in $\Delta \Phi = 2\pi$, Break from jets ~5-6 orders of magnitude |η|<0.8 EMCal. Break above 20 GeV is due down for E_T in $\Delta \Phi = 2\pi$, $|\eta| < 1.0$ to jets. Also see NuclPhys B244(1984)1 BROOKHAVEN PHENIX M. J. Tannenbaum 9 NP seminar-BNL-Dec 2014



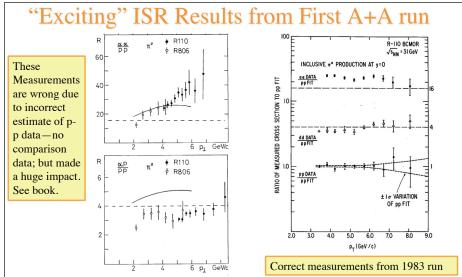


Fig. 14.1. a) (left) Ratio of cross sections in α -p and α - α interactions to the cross sections in p-p interactions as a function of pT: $R[(\alpha p \rightarrow \pi 0 + X)/(pp \rightarrow \pi 0 + X)]$ at $\sqrt{s}NN = 44$ GeV and $R[(\alpha \alpha \rightarrow \pi 0 + X)/(pp \rightarrow \pi 0 + X)]$ at $\sqrt{\text{sNN}} = 31 \text{GeV}$, compiled by Faessler [692]. b) (right) BCMOR measurements [693] of the inclusive $\pi 0$ cross sections in $\alpha - \alpha$, d – d and p-p collisions at $\sqrt{s}NN = 31$ GeV divided by a fit to the p-p data. Office of

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Quark Matter 1984

The B in BCMOR collaboration was put together by the Physics department chair and Nuclear Physicist, Arthur Schwartzschild, because of the previous Exciting results and the switch to RHIC from ISABELLE. He offered me the following collaborators: Chellis Chasman, Peter Thieberger, John Olness and Peter Haustein (chemistry) in addition to Sanki for the 1983 run. Plus CCOR and CERN wanted Nuclear Physicist collaborators to help understand the data. By Quark Matter 1984 we had made great progress in understanding E_T distributions. I got to give the talk and there I first met Bill Zajc, Shoji Nagamiya, Larry McLerran, Richard Weiner, Vesa Ruuskanen, Pete Carruthers, ...

From My First Quark Matter Talk 1984 ISR-BCMOR- $\alpha\alpha \sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =31GeV: WNM FAILS! AQM works 10² WNM agrees with αα data for 1 order of magnitude · a+a 10 but disagrees for the other 10 orders of magnitude. . D + D AQM (Nqp) is in excellent agreement over the entire (mb/GeV) WNM, AQM distribution. WNM Fails! AQM=Nqp works at 31 GeV T.Ochiai, ZPC35,209(86) A youngster, Bill Zajc, and other Penn collaborators claimed that failure of WNM was due to jets. BUT, in pp collisions E^o_T is dominated by soft physics, jet effects are not visible until four orders of magnitude down in cross section. For α - α no jet effect in whole measured region [see CMOR Nucl.Phys B244(1984)1] 15 20 25 30 35 10 ET (GeV) BCMOR PLB168(1986)158 Office of BROOKHAVEN PH*FNIX M I Tannenbaum 13 NP seminar-BNL-Dec 2014 Science

Extreme Independent Models in A+A

FNAL p+A measurements at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =20 GeV in 1972 inspired Wounded Nucleon Model

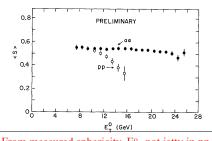




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Other interesting results from this Data



From measured sphericity, E_T not jetty in pp for E_T <10 GeV, 4 orders of magnitude down in cross section. No jet effect in whole measured region in α - α . Thus claim of Zajc and other Penn collaborators at QM1984 that failure of WNM was due to jets was WRONG as acknowledged in their QM1984 Proceedings

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R110-BCMOR √s_{NN}=31 GeV PLB168(1986)158

Both p-p and alpha-alpha data are beautiful Γ -distributions with the same value of p=2.5 which means they scale in the mean over 10 orders of magnitude!!! This is a fluke, one of many in this field.

 $\langle E \rangle f_1(E) = \psi(z) = [p/\Gamma(p)](pz)^{p-1} e^{-pz}$.

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One of the more memorable of the proposals from my service on Bob Wilson's **Program Advisory** Committee at FNAL from 1972-75

This was the first accelerator experiment specifically designed to study the charged multiplicity in high energy p+A collisions



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NAL Proposal NO. 178 MIT: 24-510 Cambridge, Mass. 617- 864-6900 X758

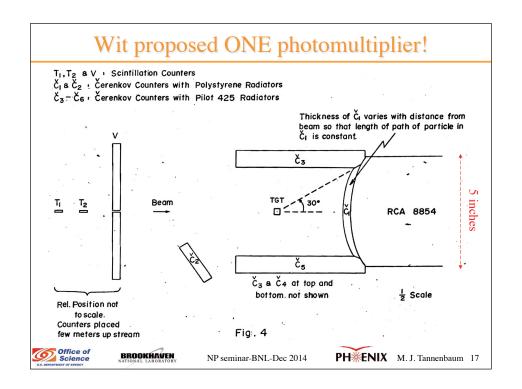
study of the average multiplicity and multiplicity distributions
in hadron-nucleus collisions at high energies

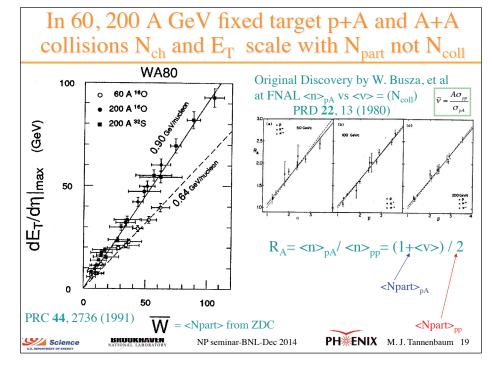
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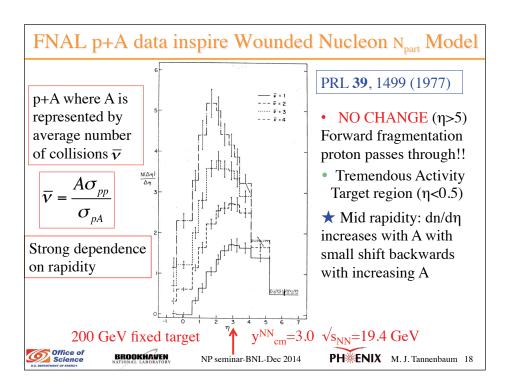
simple counter experiment requiring about 40 hours of data taking time we propose to study the detailed shape of the multiplicity distribution for larger values of n and the average charged particle multiplicity in hadron-nucleus collisions at 100 and 200 Gev.

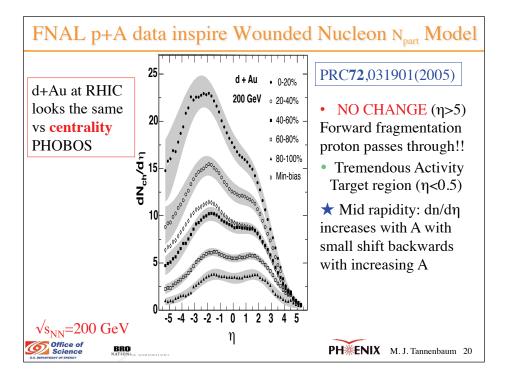
The results of the experiment should be a valuable input for comparison with theoretical models. in particular they should provide a sensitive test of whether multiparticle production in hadron-nucleon collisions proceeds through a one or two step process.

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Physics of A+A collisions c. 1980. Quantum Mechanics and Relativity Very Important

- •Immediately after a nucleon interacts with another nucleon in a nucleus the only thing consistent with relativity and quantum mechanics is for the nucleon to become an excited nucleon with roughly the same energy but reduced longitudinal momentum (rapidity), i.e. $m \longrightarrow m^*$, $E^*=E$, $p^*<p$
- The nucleus is transparent, incident protons pass through, make many successive collisions and come out the other side
- Uncertainty principle and time dilation prevent cascading of produced particles in relativistic collisions γ h/m_xc > 10fm even at AGS energies: particle production takes place outside the Nucleus in a p+A reaction.

With 2 additional assumptions:

- An excited nucleon interacts with the same cross section as an unexcited nucleon.
- Successive collisions of the excited nucleon do not affect the excited state or its eventual fragmentation products

The conclusion is that the elementary process for particle production in nuclear collisions is the excited nucleon and that the multiplicity is proportional to the number of excited nucleons =Wounded Nucleon Model (Npart)





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Extreme Independent Models

- Extreme-Independent models: separate nuclear geometry and fundamental elements of particle production.
- Nuclear Geometry represented by the weights, the relative probability w_n per B+A interaction for a given number n of fundamental elements, which are assumed to emit particles independently.
- I will discuss models with 3 different fundamental elements:
 - \checkmark Wounded Nucleon Model (WNM) number of participants N_{part}
 - $\sqrt{\text{Quark Part. Model (NQP)}}$, -number of constituent-quark participants N_{qp}
 - ✓ Additive Quark Model (AQM), color-strings between quark participants in projectile & target: constraint: one string per qp → projectile quark participants.
- AQM & NQP cannot be distinguished for symmetric collisions, since projectile and target have the same number of struck quarks. Need asymmetric collisions, e.g, d+Au,

Implementation

- The dynamics of the fundamental elementary process is taken from the data: e.g. the measured E_T distribution for a p-p collision represents: 2 participants (WNM); a predictable convolution of constituent-quark-participants (Nqp); or projectile quark participants (AQM).
- •The above bullet is why I like these models: a Glauber calculation of the weights, w_n , and a p-p measurement provide a prediction for B+A in the same detector.
- Use a Gamma distribution as the pdf for a fundamental element

$$f(x) = f_{\Gamma}(x, p, b) = \frac{b}{\Gamma(p)} (bx)^{p-1} e^{-bx}$$

• If E_T adds independently for *n* elements, i.e. participants, etc, the pdf is the *n*-fold convolution of f(x): $p \rightarrow np$ $b \rightarrow b$

$$f_n(x) = \frac{b}{\Gamma(np)} (bx)^{np-1} e^{-bx} = f_{\Gamma}(x, np, b)$$





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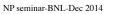
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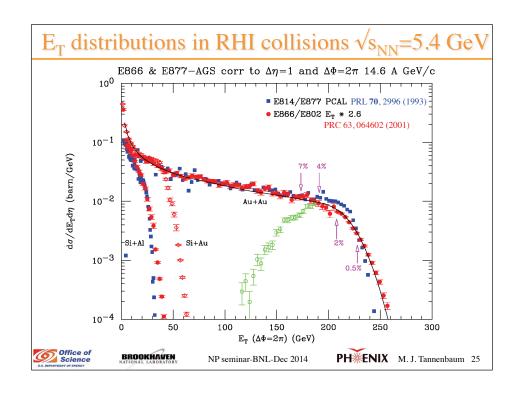
Summary of Wounded Nucleon Models at mid-rapidity c. 1991

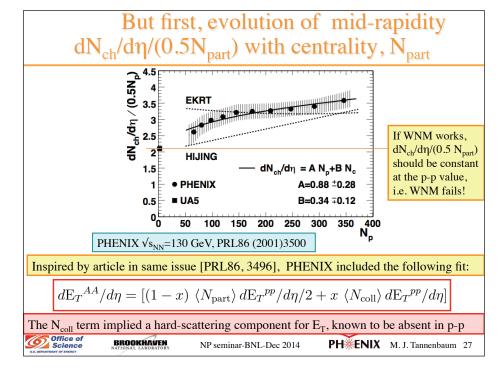
- The classical Wounded Nucleon (N_{part}) Model (WNM) of Bialas, Bleszynski and Czyz (NPB 111, 461 (1976)) works at mid-rapidity only at CERN fixed target energies, $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 20$ GeV.
- WNM overpredicts at AGS energies $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 5$ GeV (WPNM works at mid-rapidity)--this is due to stopping, second collision gives only few particles which are far from mid-rapidity. E802
- WNM underpredicts for $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \ge 31 \text{ GeV}$ ---Additive Quark Model Works, BCMOR + Ochiai
- This is the explanation of the 'famous' kink, well known as p+A effect since QM87+QM84

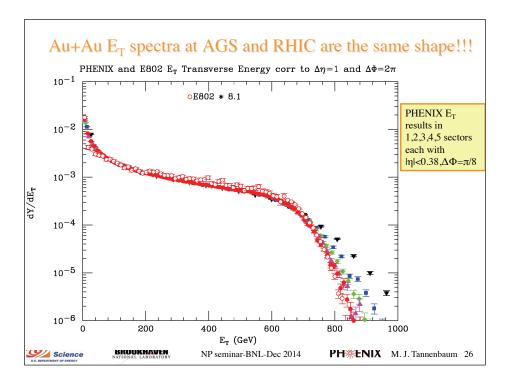


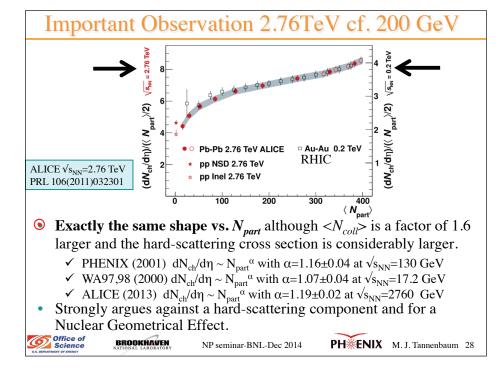












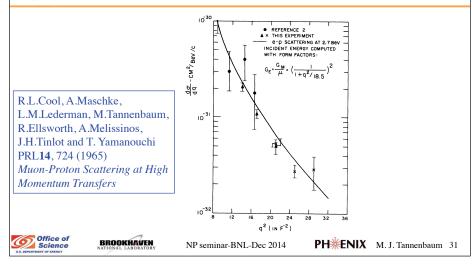
New RHIC data for Au+Au at Vs_{NN} =0.0077 TeV show the same evolution with centrality The geometry is the number of constituent quark participants/nucleon participant Eremin&Voloshin, PRC 67, 064905(2003); De&Bhattacharyya PRC 71; Nouicer EPJC 49, 281 (2007) Remember, constituent quarks also gave universal scaling for v_x/n₀ v_x KE_T/n₀

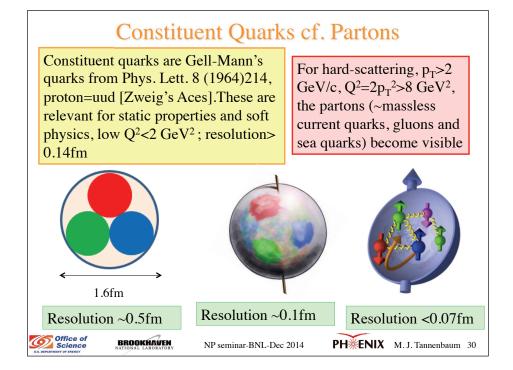
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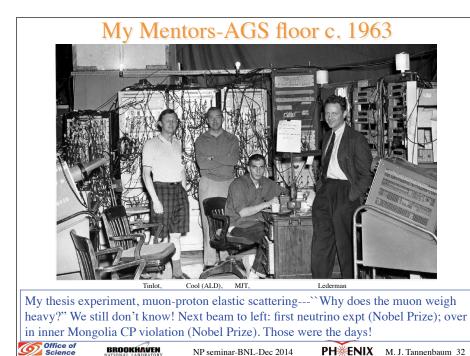
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To calculate the positions of the constituent quarks we need the charge distribution of the proton. The radius of the proton may be controversial to atomic physicists now but not to me because I measured it







Details of NOP calculation

The NQP calculation for a B+A reaction

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dE_T}\right)_{\text{NQP}} = \sigma_{BA} \sum_{n=1}^{B} w_n P_n(E_T)$$
 (15)

- \bullet σ_{BA} is the measured B+A cross section in the detector aperture, \bullet w_n is the relative probability for n quark participants in the B+A reaction from a Glauber Monte Carlo.
- $P_n(E_T)$ is the calculated E_T distribution on the detector aperture for n independently interacting quark participants.
- If $f_1(E_T)$ is the measured E_T spectrum on the detector aperture for one quark participant, and p_0 is the probability for the elementary collision to produce no signal on the detector aperture, then, the correctly normalized E_T distribution for one quark participant is:

$$P_1(E_T) = (1 - p_0)f_1(E_T) + p_0\delta(E_T) \qquad , \tag{16}$$

where $\delta(E_T)$ is the Dirac delta function and $\int f_1(E_T) dE_T = 1$.

• $P_n(E_T)$ (including the p_0 effect) is obtained by convoluting $P_1(E_T)$ with itself n-1 times

$$P_n(E_T) = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{n!}{(n-i)! \ i!} p_0^{n-i} (1-p_0)^i f_i(E_T)$$
 (17)

where $f_0(E_T) \equiv \delta(E_T)$ and $f_i(E_T)$ is the *i*-th convolution of $f_1(E_T)$:

$$f_i(x) = \int_0^x dy \, f(y) \, f_{i-1}(x-y)$$
 (18)



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Apart from generating the positions of the 3 quarks per nucleon this is standard method for calculations of E_T distributions. See PHENIX PRC89 (2014) 044905 for further details. Also see MJT PRC69(2004)064902

3 quarks are distributed about the center of each nucleon with a spatial distribution $\rho(r) = \rho(0) \exp(-ar)$ where $a = \sqrt{12/r} = 4.27 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ and r_m=0.81 fm is the rms charge radius of the proton, Hofstadter RevModPhys 28(1956)214 The q-q inelastic scattering cross section is adjusted to 9.36 mb to reproduce the 42 mb N+N inelastic cross section at √s_{NN}=200 GeV

Gamma distribution is used because it fits and because n-th convolution is analytical

$$f(x) = \frac{b}{\Gamma(p)} (bx)^{p-1} e^{-bx}$$

$$f_n(x) = \frac{b}{\Gamma(np)} (bx)^{np-1} e^{-bx}$$

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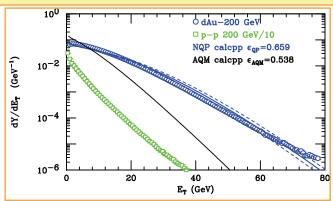
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PHENIX NQP model: Data driven pp→ dAu, AuAu ♦p+p 200 GeV NQP fit-pp ϵ_{NOP} =0.659 1) Generate 3 constituent quarks around nucleon position, distributed according to (GeV^{-1}) proton charge distribution for pp, dA, AA 2) Deconvolute p-p E_T distribution to the sum of 2-6 quark participant (QP) E_T distributions taken as Γ distributions 10-6 20 60 E_T (GeV) 3) Calculate dAu and AuAu E_T distributions as sum of QP E_T distributions NQP calcpp €_{NQP}=0.659 10-2 NQP calcpp ε_{NOP}=0.603, 0.716 (GeV^{-1}) 10-4 10−€ 600 800 400 E_T (GeV) E_T (GeV)

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N_{ap} or AQM?

- Additive Quark Model (AQM) & NQP Identical for symmetric collision systems
- PHENIX asymmetric d+Au data resolves the degeneracy! It is NOP



The Additive Quark Model (AQM), Bialas and Bialas PRD20(1979)2854 and Bialas, Czyz and Lesniak PRD25(1982)2328, > color string model. In the AQM model only one color string can be attached to a wounded quark. However for asymmetric systems such as d+Au it is a "wounded projectile quark" model since in this model, a maximum of 6 color strings are allowed from d to Au although the Au has many more quark participants. PHENIX data shows that all the quark participants are needed to reproduce d+Au data.

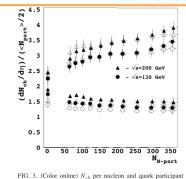
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Previous analyses have shown that Quark Participant Model works in Au+Au but could have been the AQM



pair vs centrality. The results for quark participant pair are shown for σ_{aa} = 4.56 mb (solid symbols) and σ_{aa} = 6 mb (open symbols). Eremin&Voloshin, PRC 67 (2003) 064905 62.4 GeV △ 19.6 GeV

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These analyses didn't do entire distributions but only centrality-cut averages. PHENIX has also done this and learned something VERY interesting.

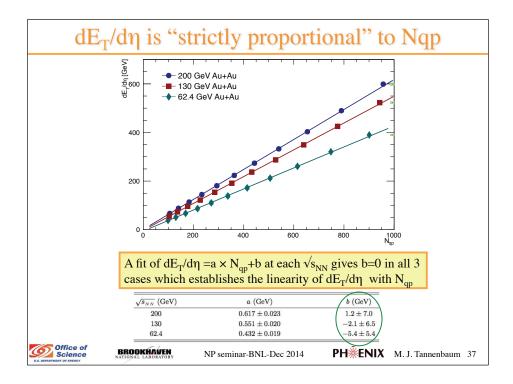


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NQP Scaling works for $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \ge 31 \text{ GeV}$ dE₁/dη / (0.5 N quark-part [y=0</sub> $dE_T/d\eta/(0.5Nqp)$ vs Nqp $dE_T/d\eta/(0.5Npart)$ vs Npart constant for $\sqrt{s_{NN}} > 27 \text{ GeV}$ constant near $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =20 GeV Jeff Mitchell has recently added Nqp analyses and new measurements from $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 7.7 to 39 GeV as well as the Nqp analysis for 2.76 TeV BROOKHAVEN PH*ENIX M. J. Tannenbaum 38 NP seminar-BNL-Dec 2014

How I learned to love the Ansatz-Autumn 2013

$$dE_T^{AA}/d\eta = [(1-x) \langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle dE_T^{pp}/d\eta/2 + x \langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle dE_T^{pp}/d\eta]$$

The N_{coll} term implied a hard-scattering component for E_T , known to be absent in p-p!

However, both ATLAS [PLB707(2012)330] and ALICE [PRC 88 (2013)044909] computed this ansatz in an event-by-event MC Glauber Calculation which fit their forward E_T measurements used to define centrality in 2.76 TeV Pb+Pb collisions. ALICE realized that this combination represented the number of emitting sources of particles, which they named "ancestors".

But if the ansatz works as a nuclear geometry element and a constituent quark also works THEN said Bill Zajc [now very senior] "the success of the two component model is not because there are some contributions proportional to N_{part} and some going as N_{coll} , but because a particular linear combination of N_{part} and N_{coll} turns out to be an empirical proxy for the number of constituent quarks". We checked and it worked so we are very happy!





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x=0.08

PHENIX Calculation vs Centrality Au+Au

Et voilà, we checked and it worked: the ratio of $N_{qp}/[(1-x)N_{part}/2+x N_{coll}]=3.38$ on the average and varies by less than 1% over the entire centrality range in 1% bins, except for the most peripheral bin where it is 5% low and for p-p collisions where it is 2.99

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|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------|--|
| Centrality | $\langle N_{part} angle$ | $\langle N_{qp} angle$ | $\langle N_{ m coll} angle$ | ansatz | $\langle N_{ m qp} angle / { m ansatz}$ |
| 0-5% | 350.9 ± 4.7 | 956.6 ± 16.2 | 1064.1 ± 110.0 | 246.5 | 3.88 |
| 5-10% | 297.0 ± 6.6 | 789.8 ± 15.3 | 838.0 ± 87.2 | 203.7 | 3.88 |
| 10-15% | 251.0 ± 7.3 | 654.2 ± 14.5 | 661.1 ± 68.5 | 168.3 | 3.89 |
| 15-20% | 211.0 ± 7.3 | 540.2 ± 12.3 | 519.1 ± 53.7 | 138.6 | 3.90 |
| 20-25% | 176.3 ± 7.0 | 443.3 ± 10.4 | 402.6 ± 39.5 | 113.3 | 3.91 |
| 25-30% | 146.8 ± 7.1 | 362.8 ± 12.2 | 311.9 ± 31.8 | 92.5 | 3.92 |
| 30 35% | 120.9 ± 7.0 | 293.3 ± 11.0 | 237.8 ± 24.2 | 74.6 | 3.93 |
| 35-40% | 98.3 ± 6.8 | 233.5 ± 9.2 | 177.3 ± 18.3 | 59.4 | 3.93 |
| 40-45% | 78.7 ± 6.1 | 182.7 ± 6.8 | 129.6 ± 12.6 | 46.6 | 3.92 |
| 45-50% | 61.9 ± 5.2 | 140.5 ± 5.3 | 92.7 ± 9.0 | 35.9 | 3.91 |
| 50-55% | 47.6 ± 4.9 | 105.7 ± 5.5 | 64.4 ± 8.1 | 27.0 | 3.91 |
| 55-60% | 35.6 ± 5.1 | 77.3 ± 6.8 | 43.7 ± 7.6 | 19.9 | 3.89 |
| 60-65% | 26.1 ± 4.7 | 55.5 ± 7.1 | 29.0 ± 6.5 | 14.3 | 3.87 |
| 65-70% | 18.7 ± 4.0 | 39.0 ± 6.7 | 18.8 ± 5.3 | 10.1 | 3.86 |
| 70-75% | 13.1 ± 3.2 | 27.0 ± 4.9 | 12.0 ± 3.6 | 7.0 | 3.86 |
| 75-80% | 9.4 ± 2.1 | 19.0 ± 3.2 | 7.9 ± 2.2 | 5.0 | 3.83 |
| 80-92% | 5.4 ± 1.2 | 10.3 ± 1.5 | 4.0 ± 1.0 | 2.8 | 3.67 |
| p+p | 2 | 2.99 ± 0.05 | 1 | 1 | 2.99 |
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Collective interaction of QCD strings and early stages of high multiplicity pA collisions

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We study early stages of "central" pA and peripheral AA collisions. Several observables indicate that at the sufficiently large number of participant nucleons the system undergoes transition into a new "explosive" regime. By defining a string-string interaction and performing molecular dynamics simulation, we argue that one should expect a strong collective implosion of the multi-string "spaghetti" state, creating significant compression of the system in the transverse plane. Another consequence is collectivization of the "sigma clouds" of all strings into collective chorally symmetric fireball. We find that those effects happen provided the number of strings $N_s > 30$ or so, as only such number compensates small sigma-string coupling. Those finding should help to understand subsequent explosive behavior, observed for particle multiplicities roughly corresponding to this

I. INTRODUCTION

A. The evolving views on the high energy collisions

Before we got into discussion of high multiplicity pAcollisions, let us start by briefly reviewing the current views on the two extremes: the AA and the minimum bias pp collisions.

The "not-too-peripheral" AA we will define as those which have the number of participant nucleons $N_p > 40$, and the corresponding multiplicity of the order of few hundreds. (Peripheral AA, complementary to this definition, we will discuss in this paper, below in section IV B.) Central AA collisions produce many thousands of secondaries: the corresponding fireball has the

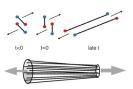


FIG. 1: The upper plot reminds the basic mechanism of two string production, resulting from color reconnection. The lower plot is a sketch of the simplest multi-string state, produced in pA collisions or very peripheral AA collisions, known as "spaghetti"





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Conclusions

- The Constituent Quark Participant Model (N_{qp}) works at mid-rapidity for A+B collisions in the range $(\sim 30 \text{ GeV}) 62.4 \text{ GeV} < \sqrt{s_{NN}} < 2.76 \text{ TeV}.$
- The two component ansatz $[(1-x)N_{part}/2+x N_{coll}]$ also works but does not imply a hard-scattering component in N_{ch} and E_T distributions. It is instead a proxy for N_{qp} as a function of centrality.
- Thus, ALICE's "ancestors" are constituent-quarks.
- Everybody's happy. (OK probably not everybody).







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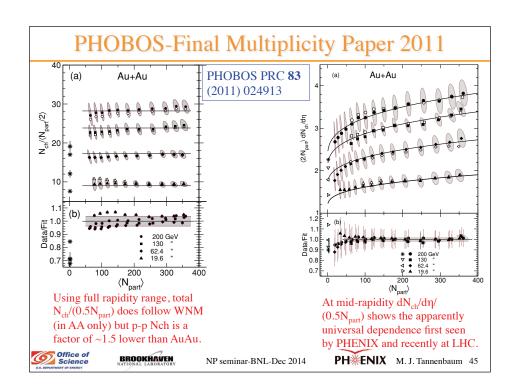
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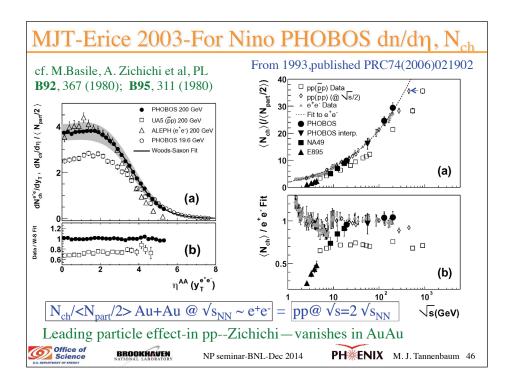
But this effect disagrees with the WNM because the basic assumption is that what matters is whether or not a nucleon was struck, not how many times it was struck. The good news is that the quarkparticipant model solves this problem because the multiplicity increases due to more constituent quarks/wounded nucleon being struck, from 1.5 in a p-p collision to 2.3-2.7 in central Au+Au

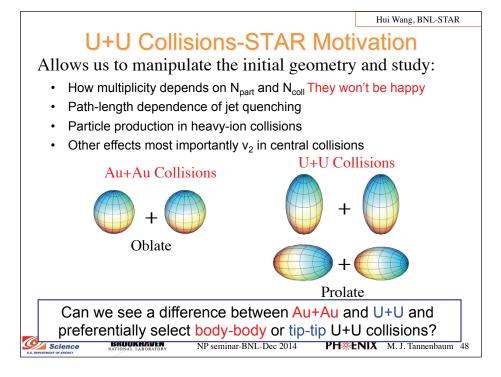


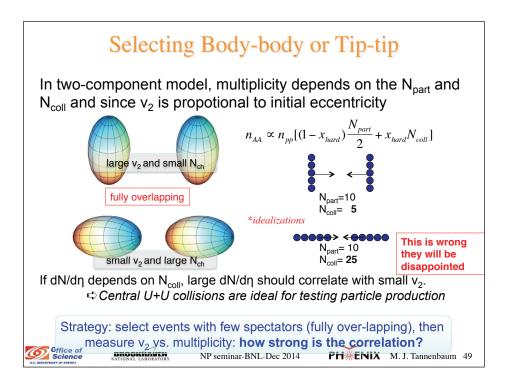


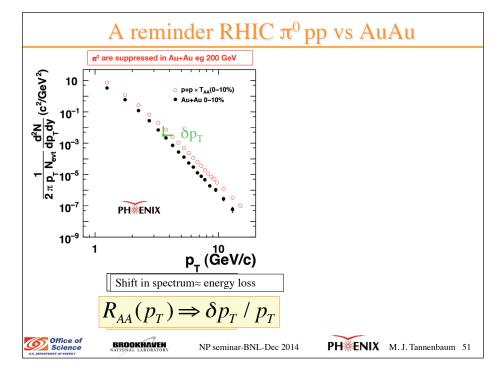
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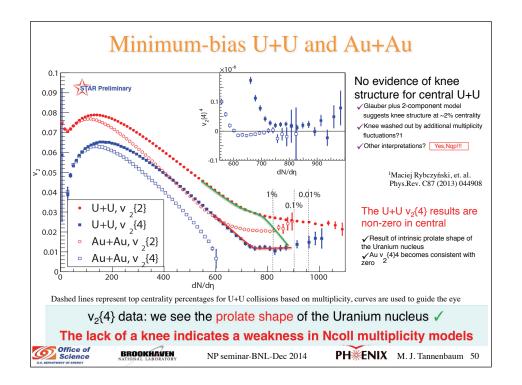
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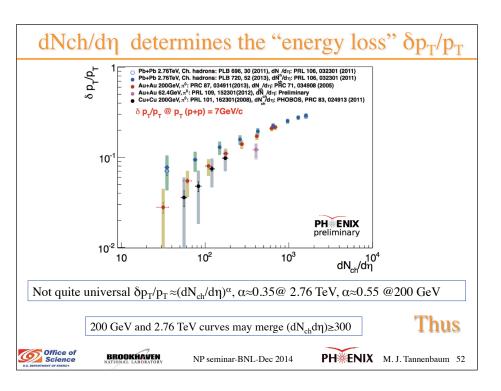










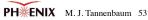


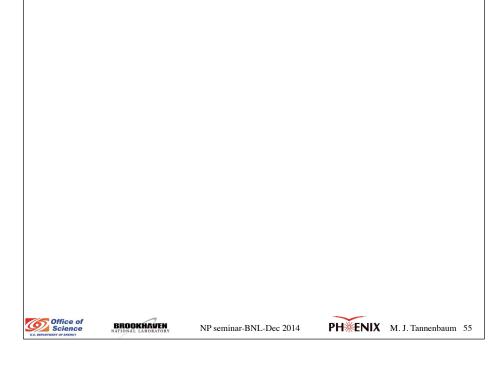
For centrality-cut data, the two-component ansatz $dE_T/d\eta \propto (1-x)Npart/2+xNcoll$ which has been used to explain E_T distributions is shown to be simply a proxy for Ngp, so that the Ncoll term does not represent a hard-scattering component in E_T distributions. The energy loss of hard-scattered initial state partons has been shown to be proportional to the charged-particle multiplicity dNch/dn at both RHIC and LHC which follows the same Nqp scaling as E_T distributions. Thus IMHO it is hard to avoid the conclusion that the relevant initial state for production of the QGP in A+A collisions at both RHIC and LHC is based on massive constituent-quarks rather than the massless current quarks and gluons that they contain which are observable at finer resolution as the initial state partons of hard-scattering which produce the jet and single particle probes at large p_T .





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